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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to a telephonic interview with the Examiner on 26 October 2005, and to the Office Action mailed 17 August 2005, in which the Examiner identified six "patentably distinct species" of the claimed invention. In the telephonic interview, agreement was not reached between Applicant and Examiner. The Applicant elects Species I identified by the Examiner, which is depicted in Figs. 3A-3C, for initial prosecution. Although the Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's break-out of Species I, the Applicant makes this election without traverse to advance prosecution. Claims 1-31 read on the elected Species I. No claims have been withdrawn from consideration. A full listing of the claims in view of this election is presented below on pages 2-5.

If the Examiner has any additional questions, he is encouraged to contact the attorney of record, Reed R. Heimbecher, Reg. No. 36,353.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of November 2005.

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